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PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENTS FOR PEOPLE WORKING IN GARBAGE DISPOSAL WORKS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that the staff working in various civic agencies engaged in garbage disposal works including hazardous and unsafe substances are not properly provided with the protective equipments for such jobs in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government has issued any instruction to the State Governments to follow norms strictly and to protect the health of the employees engaged in garbage disposal and make provision for regular medical check-up for them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)&(b): Municipal Solid Waste Management is one of the Municipal functions of the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and therefore the responsibility of providing adequate protective equipment for the staff working in various civic agencies engaged in garbage disposal lies with the State Governments and ULBs.

(c)&(d): Policy Guidelines given in the Manual on Municipal Solid Waste Management published by the Ministry of Urban Development in May, 2000 stipulate that the local body, as a policy, should provide adequate protective clothing and health check up from time to time to the staff to ensure that their health is not adversely affected on account of their handling of solid waste. Free medical services should be made available to those whose health is affected on account of handling of solid waste.